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CARTER, MARSHALL KAMCHATKA [redacted]	9/20/62	SPECIAL GROUP

OCCURRENCE: Special Group meeting on 20 September, the proposed use of [redacted] against KAMCHATKA was disapproved. The A-DCI raised the possibility of using this [redacted] against Cuba, but no decision was made, although the Group appeared favorably inclined.

SOURCE: Memorandum by Carter, 9/21/62 (02637)

STAFF: WALLACH

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OCCURRENCE: (continued from Memo for the Special Group re: Cuba Project, Jan. 24, 1962
detectives and foreign police officials." (00106)
In regard to Task #7 of General Lansdale's review this memo notes, "Moreover, the development of a resisitence movement will not remain controllable, so that operational time tables produced during the next four weeks can serve only as guides for a proposed sequence of actions." (00107)
The memorandum notes that six men to form the initial nucleus for work for inside Cuba have been assessed in depth. Fifteen locations have been selected as suitable centers for resistence. It was also noted that in support of State's efforts, CIA has conducted propaganda operations including a number of mass demonstrations [redacted]

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
PRES. KENNEDY, HARVEY, TAYLOR Duque	MAY 7, 1962	MONGOOSE, SPECIAL GROUP AUGMENTED

OCCURRENCE: Memo: "I reported to higher authority the substance of Mr. HARVEY'S briefing of the SPECIAL GROUP AUGMENTED on 3 MAY 1962, pointing out the very limited progress which has been made and the uncertainty of the ultimate effectiveness of our program. I mentioned the DUQUE incident as indicative of the morale problem. It was agreed we would continue along the present lines until the terminal date of the present phase in August."

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SOURCE: MEMO FOR RECORD, REPORT OF PROGRESS TO HIGHER AUTHORITY, MAY 7, 1962, MAXWELL D. TAYLOR (00024)	STAFF: DiGenova
FILE:	DATE: 7/2/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
HELMS ✓PRESIDENT KENNEDY MCCONE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD	July 25,1962	SPECIAL GROUP MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: Helms notes that McCone briefed the panel of the President's foreign intelligence advisory board on political action projects. He pointed out that"each project must have his approval to the circulation to the members of the Special Group". For example, reconnasiance overflights are now approved. He noted covert financial support in Peruvian, Greek, Finnish, Italian, and Brazilian elections. Helms "read to the panel a paper on the operation Mongoose which theDirector had used earlier in the day for giving a briefing to the President."

SOURCE:	STAFF:
Memorandum for the record, re meeting on CA matters with the panel of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board of Helms, dated July 25, 1962 (00870)	diGenova
FILE:	DATE:

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
JFK ✓ Maxwell Taylor	27 Sept 62	Special Group Augmented MOONGOOSE Diem

OCCURRENCE:

Taylor states that the Special Group and the Sepcial Group Augmented considered a proposal by CIA for covert activities designed to harass the Democratic REpublic of Vietnam. This had been prepared in response to a request by the Sec.'s of State and Defense. ✓

Taylor added that the Special Group asked that a more detailed operation plan be prepared. It was agreed that Defense make certain equipment and personnel available to CIA in support of this program. [redacted]

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SOURCE: Maxwell Taylor's memorandum for the President, dated Sept 27, 1962. (00050)

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STAFF: PGW

DATE: 6/29/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
PRESIDENT KENNEDY, BUNDY ROBERT KENNEDY HELMS RUSK MCNAMARA	Nov. 12, 1963	MONGOOSE PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL

OCCURRENCE:

On NOvember 12, 1963 a meeting on "Cuban Operations" was held with "Higher Authority" ~~(President Kennedy).~~ Present were Mr. RUSK, Mr. MCNAMARA, Mr. ROBERT KENNEDY, Mr. BUNDY, Mr. MCCONE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KILPAGRICK, Mr. VaNCE, Mr.HELMS, Mr. FITZGERALD, MR. CHIEVER, Mr. STEAKLEY. Mr. MCCONE gave a brief summary of recent developments inside Cuba and Mr. Fitzgerald reported on Cuban operations under six main headings. (Mr. FITZGERALD's discussions of these headings is contained in separate cards.)

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SOURCE:	STAFF:
Memorandum for the record dated Nov. 12, 1963 FILE: "Cuban Operations"	Kelley DATE: 6/28/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

PRESIDENT KENNEDY
ROBERT KENNEDY✓
HELMS
RUSK
BUNDY
MCNAMARA

DATES:

Nov. 12, 1963

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE
PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL

OCCURRENCE:

On NOv. 12, 1963, Mr. Fitsgerald reported to the President that the United State economic denial program is contributing to Cuba's declining economy, but would be more effective [redacted]

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SOURCE:

Memorandum for record dated Nov. 12, 1963
"Cuban Operations"

FILE:

STAFF:
Kelley

DATE:
6/28/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES:
McCone	Nhu	11 Sept 63	DIEM
Coloy	Hillsman		
Kennedy, John F.	[redacted]		
McNamarra	Diem		
Lodge			

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OCCURRENCE: In a Presidential meeting on Vietnam with the CIA participants being McCone and Colby the record by Colby reflects that McNamarra pointed out that Lodge has little contact with Diem and has not been out of Saigon. Mr. McCone commented that he believed that we should move cautiosly, that we should talk seriously to Diem and that Lodge should be urged to visit the countryside to obtain a more realistic view of the effects of suspending aid. Mr. McCone also suggested that another approach be made to Nhu to seek his cooperation ina departure. The President asked whether we had carefully studied the detail effects of cuts in aid (as proposed in a paper prepared by Hillsman). It was evident that the effects had not been studies. The President asked DOD and CIA to analyze the Hillsman paper. He also asked that a telegram be sent to Lodge asking him to try to reduce the press leakage from Saigon and to establish some real contact with Diem. Any current plans for aid negotiation should be stalled, and the President should be well informed of any steps taken in this context [redacted]

SOURCE:

FILE: IG Report 1967 (CIA), p. 21-22

STAFF: Dawson

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES:
SMITH, DAVID	MCCONE	Oct. 29, 1963	DIEM
HARKINS, GENERAL	HELMS		
TRUEHARD, WILLIAM	COLBY		
KENNEDY, ROBERT			
KENNEDY, JOHN F. ✓			

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SOURCE:

IG Report 1967 (CIA) p. 38

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DATE: 6/27/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
~~SPECIAL GROUP AUGMENTED~~ ~~MONGOOSE~~, TAYLOR, RFK, JOHNSON, GILPATRICK, MCCONE, CARTER, LEMNITZER, LANSDALE, CLINE, PARROTT	July 12, 1962 ~~July 20, 1962~~ ~~April 9, 1963~~	Special Group Augmented MONGOOSE (CARD ONE OF TWO)

OCCURRENCE:

Lansdale briefed the group on numbers of agents in Cuba. Air resupply proposal submitted by CIA "should be deferred pending broader review of the entire situation." Taylor noted if urgent need for air supply proposal could be made to the Special Group Augmented at any time. "Mr. McCone emphasized that no high-level penetrations of the Cuban government have yet been attained." "The Attorney General inquired about the status of popular support for Castro, and also the possibility of a revolt against him." Lansdale replied, "There is no rallying point for active opposition." The AG and Johnson emphasize need to obtain hard intelligence on subversive activities by Castro in the hemisphere. A complete review of MONGOOSE was set toward the end of July. Taylor emphasized need for summaries of results "and a statement of future alternatives open to the U.S. should be developed." Looking into proposal to subsidize Japanese purchases of Dominican sugars so that the Japanese could divert these purchases from Cuba. McCone said that his experts had informed him that from a legal point of view, CIA could use unvouchered funds to support an operation of this kind. He cautioned,

SOURCE: Memo for the record, Minutes of the Special Group (Augmented) meeting 12 July 1962 re: Operation MONGOOSE, (00031-00032)

FILE:

STAFF: (continued)

di Genova

DATE: July 2, 1975

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Zogbey Harvey Kennedy, Robert Bissell HALPERN	~~Fall~~ 1961 October	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

Halpern testified that in the fall of 1961 he attended a meeting with Bissell and Mr. Ghose Zogbey. Zogbey was the Branch Chief (8). The meeting occured in the middle of Oct. of 1961. Bissell stated at the meeting that he had recently "been chewed out in the cabinet room of the White House by both the President and the Attorney General for, as he put it, sitting on his ass and not doing anything about getting rid of Castro and the Castro regime. His orders to both Mr. Zogbey and to me ~~for~~ were to plan an operation to accomplish that end." (8) Halpern testified that no limitations were put on the term "get rid of". Nothing was forbidden (8). The meeting involved only general discussions and not tactics.

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SOURCE:		STAFF:	Shea
	Halpern 6/18/75		
FILE:		DATE:	7/1/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
BUNDY, GENERAL DECKER, MR. MURROW RFK, GENERAL LANSDALE, MARTIN GENERAL HARRIS, WILLIAM BUND, GENERAL CARTER	9/6/62	Special Group Augmented MONGOOSE

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OCCURRENCE:

Meeting of SGA On Operation MONGOOSE, 6 September 1962. Discussion of LANSDALE's suggestion #32 (agricultural sabotage). GENERAL CARTER emphasized the extreme sensitivity of any such operation and the disasterous results that would flow from something going wrong particularly if there were obvious attribution to the U.S. He went on to say, however, that it would be possible to accomplish this purpose by methods more subtle than those indicated in the paper. He mentioned specifically the possibility of producing crop failures by the introduction of biological agents which would appear to be of natural origin. BUNDY said that he had no worries about any such sabotage which could clearly be made to appear as a result of local Cuban disaffection or a natural disaster, but that we must avoid external activities such as release of chemicals, etc. unless they could be completely covered up.

SOURCE:

SGA MONGOOSE Minutes 9/6/62 (00045-00046)

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STAFF:

PGW

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June 29, 1962

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
WALT ELDER, RFK, GENERAL LANSDALE, MCGEORGE BUNDY, BRUCE CHEEVER (CIA)	9/14/62	MONGOOSE Special Group Augmented

OCCURRENCE:

CIA Headquarters and all WH stations are to be especially to alert for any shipments of arms or other subversive material from Cuba to other Latin American countries--Chief, Task Force W says this alert has been laid on and is in force.

SOURCE:
Memorandum for the record on MONGOOSE meeting, 14 Sept 1962-
Walt Elder
FILE: Cage 00049

STAFF: PGW

DATE: June 30, 1975

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Walt ELDER, RFK, GENERAL LANSDALE, MCGEORGE BUNDY, BRUCE CHEEVER (CIA),	9/14/62	MONGOOSE Special Group Augmented

OCCURRENCE:

Possibility of sabotage of VICKERS spare parts allegedly ready for shipment to Cuba by Canada is being looked into--Chief, Task Force W says this activity is underway.

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SOURCE:

Memorandum for the record on MONGOOSE meeting, 14 Sept 1962-Walt Eler

FILE: Cage 00049

STAFF: PGW

DATE: June 30, 1975

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WALT ELDER RFK GENERAL LANSDALE MCGEORGE BUNDY BRUCE CHEEVER (CIA)	9/14/62	MONGOOSE Special Group Augmented

OCCURRENCE:

The 12 September addendum to the Phase II MONGOOSE operations was discussed and the entire Phase II was approved in priciple as a platform from which to proceed. Activities which may be especially sensitive are to be brought before the group, and this body wishes to be kept generally advised on progress.

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Memorandum for the record on MONGOOSE metting, 14 Sept 1962- Walt Elder (00049)	PGW
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WALT ELDER, RFK, GENERAL LANSDALE MCGEORGE BUNDY, BRUCE CHEEVER (CIA)	9/14/62	MONGOOSE Special Group Augmented

OCCURRENCE:

This memorandum reports that the ATTORNEY GENERAL "expressed concern that activities by certain Cuban exiles are reaching the point where the government may be forced to take action against them rather than to simply state that "we are investigating." The agency is requested to see what it can do to help the noise level of these activities.

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SOURCE:	STAFF:
Memorandum for the record on MONGOOSE meeting. 14 Sept 1962 Walt Elder (00818)	PGW
FILE: Cage	DATE: June 30, 1975

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
~~Nestor SANCHEZ~~ Robert F. KENNEDY AMLASH-1	Oct. 11, 1963	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

Nestor SANCHEZ (a Spanish-speaking case officer from Headquarters , acting as case officer for AMLASH-1) cabled that AMLASH-1 "was insistent upon meeting with a senior U.S. official, preferably Robert F. KENNEDY, for assurances of U.S. moral ~~support" (88) for AMLASH's activities in Cuba. SANCHEZ recommended that "Highest~~ and profound consideration be given" (88) because AMLASH-1 was determined to attempt an operation against Castro "with or without U.S. support" (88).

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IG REPORT 1967

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STAFF:
F Baron

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Desmond FITZGERALD AMLASH Nestor SANCHEZ Robert KENNEDY ✓ HELMS	Oct. 29, 1963 Nov. 13, 1963	Castro Card 1 of 2

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OCCURRENCE: (CARD 1)

Desmond FITZGERALD, Chief of SAS, met with AMLASH, using Nestor SANCHEZ as interpreter. (88-89). The cover of the "contact plan for the meeting, a copy of which is in the AMLASH file," (89) read as follows:

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IG REPORT 1967

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STAFF: F Baron

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
SANCHEZ FITZGERALD AMLASH	Oct. 29, 1963 Nov. 13, 1963	Castro Card 2 of 2

OCCURRENCE: (CARD 2)

In a memorandum by SANCHEZ on November 13, 1963, it was reported that "FITZGERALD informed [AMLASH] that the U.S. is prepared to render all necessary assistance to any anti-Communist Cuban group which succeeds in neutralizing the present Cuban leadership." (89) Despite the fact that SANCHEZ reported that "nothing of an operational nature was discussed at the FITZGERALD meeting " (90), FITZGERALD recalled that AMLASH-1 "spoke repeatedly of the need for an assassination weapon. In particular, he wanted a high-powered rifle with telescopic sights or some other weapon that could be used to kill Castro from a distance." (90) FITZGERALD said that he told AMLASH "that the U.S. Government would have no part of an attempt on CASTRO's life. (90) However, the SANCHEZ memorandum reported "After the meeting [AMLASH] stated that he was satisfied with the policy discussion but now desired to know what technical support we could provide him."(90)

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DATE: Dawson 6/27/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY ✓ HELMS CHEEVER STEAKLEY	Nov. 5, 1963	CASTRO MONGOOSE SPECIAL GROUP

OCCURRENCE:

Note that the minutes of the Special Group meeting on November 5, 1963 contain an underscored item on page 1 stating "see special minutes for additional items." This item appears on page 1 under a discussion of Cuban sabatoge and infiltration operations.

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SOURCE:	STAFF:
Minutes of Special Group meeting dated Nov. 6, 1963.	Kelley
FILE:	DATE: 6/28/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES:
PRESIDENT KENNEDY ROBERT KENNEDY HELMS RUSK	BUNDY MCNAMARA	Nov. 12, 1963	MONGOOSE PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL

OCCURRENCE:

On NOv. 12, 1963, Mr. Fitzgerald reported to the President that the United State economic denial program is contributing to Cuba's declining economy, but would be more effective if the Canadians would be willing to cooperate.

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SOURCE:	STAFF:
Memorandum for record dated Nov. 12, 1963	Kelley
FILE: "Cuban Operations"	DATE: 6/28/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES:
MCCONE	HOOVER		
HELMS			Special Group
BUNDY		Mar 2, 1964	Mongoose
R. KENNEDY			

OCCURRENCE: Helms states that agency officers have reported plans of Cuban exiles to assassinate selected Cuban government leaders. Agency officers told Cubans that U.S. would not condone the planned actions. Plans included: Cuban exile approach to March 2, 1964 by businessman to discuss a plan which was "still in the embryonic state to assassinate Fidel Castro." Businessman has underworld connections with Cosa Nostra. Latter group has offered to assassinate Castro for $150,000. Proposes to use 5 men. March 3, 1964 meeting in which Byron Cameron says he met an unidentified group which would be willing to assassinate selected Cuban officials for cash. Specifically the Cameron group is interested in assassinating Fidel Castro, Raul Castro, and Ernesto Che Guevera." "Cameron knows that he can indicted for conspiracy"

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SOURCE: Memorandum for DCI McCone from Richard Helms re plans of Cuban exiles to assassinate selected Cuban government leaders, June 10, 1964 (03105-031110)

FILE:

STAFF: diGenova

DATE: 7/3/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:			DATES:	CATEGORIES:
MCCONE	FITZGERALD	HUGHES	8/19/64	SGA
BUNDY	PAPICH	BOSCH, JOSE	7/30/64	MONGOOSE
JESSUP	RFK		6/10/64	CASTRO
STEAKLEY	JMWAVE			
JMWAVE	VANCE			

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:			DATES:	CATEGORIES:
MCCONE	FITZGERALD	HUGHES	8/19/64	SGA
BUNDY	PAPICH	BOSCH, JOSE	7/30/64	MONGOOSE
JESSUP	RFK		6/10/64	CASTRO
STEAKLEY	JMWAVE			
JMWAVE	VANCE			

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OCCURRENCE: According to the minutes of the 303 Committee on 7/30/64,"It was agreed that MR. FITZGERALD would contact SAM PAPICH of the FBI in regard to the earlier report of an alleged plot with Mafia overtones to assassinate Castro and which the AG agreed to handle as a matter of law enforcement." (116)" The reference is clearly to a 6/10/64 memorandum information report from the DDP to the Director," (116) which was disseminated to the Spec. Asst. to the Pres. for Natl. Security Affrs.; ASst. Sect. for Inter-American Affairs,Dept. of State; Dir. of Intell. and Research, State Dept.; Director, DIA; The AG; the Director, FBI; DDCI and the DCI. The 6/10/74 report"related a proposal for the assassination of Castro that was made to prominent Cuban exiles. The Mafia appeared to be involved in the scheme." The asking price was $150,000.-JOSE MARIO PEPIN BOSCH, Preso of Bacardi Rum would contribute $50,000. BOSCH approached the Chief of Station, JMWAVE, and suggested the U.S. government also contribute. This was rejected. The record indicates CIA's only involvement was to report information of its existence."

SOURCE: Last record of incident found by IG Rept. is memo from McCone to Bundy, 8/19/64, reporting the results of FBI intvws with the alleged participants."Obviously nothing came of the plot."(117)

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Baron, 7/1/75

FILE: IG REPORT 1967

PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES:
MURPHY	LYMAN	4/23/63	CUBA
KILPATRICK ✓	~~CASTRO~~		SPECIAL GROUP
~~MCCONE~~	CASTRO'S SISTER		
FITZGERALD			

OCCURRENCE: Murphy asked Fitzgerald whether Castro's immediate entourage had been penetrated. Fitzgerald replied that Castro's sister worked for us, but that she didn't always have inside information.

SOURCE: Memorandum, dated 4/23/63, prepared by Lyman and Kilpatrick.

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STAFF: WALLACH

DATE: 7/2/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
JOHNSON KILPATRICK ✓ MCCONE	Sept.16,1963	MONGOOSE SPECIAL GROUP

OCCURRENCE:

On September 16, 1963 a memorandum reported that "all members of the special group have approved project OARAGE (having to do with certain ELINT activties in the area of Cuba.)"

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SOURCE:	STAFF:
Memorandum dated 16 September 1963 for members of the Special Group from Mr. Parrott	Kelley
FILE:	DATE: 6/28/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Edwards King ✓ Bannerman	Gomez Holcomb O'Connell	11/62	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

O'Connell testified that when EDWARDS was on leave, once, KING spoke to Robert BANNERMAN (Who was not witting of Castro project) and O'Connell had to tell BANNERMAN that B. was not "privy" to project. O'Connell was embarassed. (Tr. 36, 99-100). No one but KING, not Gomez or Holcombe, knew (100)

SOURCE:

Testimony of James P. O'Connell, 5/30/75

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STAFF:

John Bayly

DATE: 6/30/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
KING, J. C. ✓ IG REPORT, BISSELL, HALPERN, HARVEY, EDWARDS	May 23, 1967	CASTRO

OCCURRENCE:

The following sources of information were used in preparing the IG REPORT of 1967: (1) Files: Furnished for review by the Director of Security, the Deputy Director for Support, the General Counsel, the Legislative Counsel, the Chief of WH Division, and by Col. J. C. KING, former Chief of WH Division. Also, the Director of Central Reference furnished biographic files and intelligence publications. (2) Interviews: Desmond Fitzgerald, Sam Halpern, [redacted] J. C. King, Alfonso Rodriguez, J. D. Esterline, Edward Gunn, Howard Osborn, James O'Connell, Sidney Gottlieb, Sheffield Edwards, Richard Bissell, Lawrence Houston, [redacted] John Warner, [redacted] William Harvey, Cornelius Roosevelt, Robert Bannerman, [redacted] Richard Ober.

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Gen. Lansdale	DDP	Nov. 21, 1962	Special Group Augmented
Walter Elder	Mr. Halpern		Operation Mongoose
DCI	CHEEVER	10/30/62	Cuba

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SOURCE: Memorandum dated Nov. 21, 1962 (01151)

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STAFF: Phul Wallach

DATE: July 1, 1975

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STAFF: di Genova

DATE: June 30, 1975

PERSONS/ENTITIES: (continuation)

DATES:

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OCCURRENCE: CARD 2

meeting of foreign ministers which opened January 22, 1962. The object was to get wide Western Hemisphere support for OAS resolutions condemning Cuba and isolating it from the rest of the hemisphere. "The OAS meeting is to be supported by public demonstrations in Latin America, generated by CIA and a psychological campaign assisted by USIA." The major task of the diplomatic capability was to encourage Latin American leaders to develop independent operations similar to the instant project seeking an internal revolt of the Cuban people against the Communist regime. In the economic warfare area an embargo on Cuban trade was to be considered after the OAS meeting. The CIA was unable to undertake the action to sabotage the sugar harvest which commences about January 15 and upon which Cuba's one-crop economy depended. Sabotage of transport, mills, sugar sacking in cane fields was explored, according to Lansdale's review. Special sabotage support was noted.→

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"CIA has initiated action to contaminate POL supplies for Cuba, although visible results (stopage of some Cuban transports) is not expected until mid-1962. CIA is introducing "Lubzol," a corrosive additive to Cuban locomotive diesel fuel oil through commercial suppliers in Belgium.) A similar project was noted for jet fuel storage tanks in Cuba. Lansdale noted that the CIA had concluded that its realistic role should be to at least create the illusion of a popular movement, to win external support for it, to improve CIA operational capability, and to help create a climate which will permit provocative actions in support of a shift to overaction. Lansdale wanted them to reevaluate to see whether or not they could make a greater effort. An outline of what the 33 tasks are for each of the entitities involved then follows in Lansdale's memo. The memorandum notes that the President directed that the Chief of Operations conduct the project through the appropriate organizations and departments of the government. In this regard the memo notes "Also, CIA apparently believes that its role should be to create and expand a popular

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OCCURRENCE: (continued from Memo for the Special Group re: Cuba Project, Jan. 24, 1962 detectives and foreign police officials." (00106)

In regard to Task #7 of General Lansdale's review this memo notes, "Moreover, the development of a resisitence movement will not remain controllable, so that operational time tables produced during the next four weeks can serve only as guides for a proposed sequence of actions." (00107)

The memorandum notes that six men to form the initial nucleus for work for inside Cuba have been assessed in depth. Fifteen locations have been selected as suitable centers for resistence. It was also noted that in support of State's efforts, CIA has conducted propaganda operations including a number of mass demonstrations in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

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Halpern, Bissell, [redacted], Gen Lansdale ✓	Oct 1961	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

Shortly after ~~his~~ Halpern's meeting with Bissell, Hapern, and [redacted] were introduced to Gen Lansdale who was the new Chief of Operations for an effort to remove ~~in~~ the Castro regime. The initial meeting was concerned with only organizational matters.

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SOURCE: Halpern 6/18/75

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DATES:

Mar 13, 1962

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CUBA

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OCCURRENCE: The planning for Operation MONGOOSE was prepared on a format of separate planning for each department and agency involved. Revised planning along that line was submitted with this memorandum. Activities already approved were marked with an asterisk. Approved were dispatching one intelligence agent operation to a key area selected by the CIA, ("Many of the agents infiltrated into Cuba will be trained for paramilitary skills as well as intelligence collection,...However, CIA has noted that, once the agents are inside Cuba, they cannot be controlled effectively from outside Cuba, although every effort will be made to attempt such control.") (00207), Carribbean Admissions Center Opa-Locka, Florida. Periodic intelligence estimates, continued negotiating for British help in contaminating locamotive lubricants, two teams of agents dispatched to Cuba approved for March 16-31, 1962, develop intelligence potential of Cuban "colonies" in U.S., develop additional interrogation centers in other areas by 31 March 1962 in South America and

SOURCE: Memorandum for the Special Group Augmented from Lansdale re: Institutional Planning, Operation MONGOOSE, 13 March 1962 (00206-00213)

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